

## **Minutes of the Public Works Committee - March 31, 2005**

The meeting was called to order at 8:30 a.m. by Chair Manke who led the committee with the Pledge of Allegiance.

**Present:** Chair Richard Manke, County Board Supervisors, Pete Gundrum, Jim Jeskewitz, Karl Nilson, Rodell Singert, David Swan; **Absent:** James Behrend

**Staff Present:** County Board Chief of Staff Lee Esler, Legis. Associate Sandra Meisenheimer

**Also Present:** Engineering Services Manager Gary Evans, Senior Civil Engineer Karen Braun, Airport Manager Keith Markano, Airport Operations Assistant Michael Neau, Budget Specialist Linda Witkowski

### **Read Correspondence**

1. **Motion:** Nilson moved, second Singert, to send a letter to Ed Stoltz thanking him for his years of service. **Motion carried 6 – 0.**

*Esler addressed the following items:*

2. Esler said he received some feedback on the correction to the Public Works Minutes of 2/10/05 from Director Norm Cummings regarding River Rail. Cummings said the language correction did not go far enough, and the amendment should have mentioned that the plan is Wisconsin & Southern's plan and not our plan.

3. Letter from Transportation Secretary Frank J. Busalacchi to Chairman Dwyer regarding the recent selection of the first corridor to be reconstructed as part of the Southeast freeway system reconstruction. Singert suggested that the letter be faxed to Ted Kanavas and the Waukesha delegation so they are fully aware of Busalacchi's response. Esler said this letter and Dwyer's original letter will be forwarded to the Waukesha delegation.

4. Testimony this week by Director of Public Works Rich Bolte to the Assembly Committee on Southeast Wisconsin Freeways. Esler said essentially the message was "do the Zoo before other projects because we need the Zoo interchange rebuilt."

*Manke addressed the following:*

5. Email from Clerk of Courts Evenson in regard to audio and video cabling from Courtroom C-219 to the Jury Assembly Room for the upcoming Oswald trial.

6. Email from a citizen in regard to intersection improvements on County Highways K, W and VV.

### **Future Agenda Items**

Esler said the State will probably be appearing at the committee's second meeting in April to give a status update on capital projects.

### **Approve Minutes of March 10, 2005**

**Motion:** Singert moved, second by Jeskewitz, to approve the minutes of 3/10/05 as corrected.

**Motion carried 6 – 0.**

**Consider Proposed Ordinance: 159-O-135 Laying Out, Relocation and Improvement of County Trunk Highway "Q": Project I.D. 2751-06-20, USH 41 to Pilgrim Road, Village of Menomonee Falls, Village of Germantown, Waukesha County, Washington County**

Evans and Braun were present. **Motion:** Swan moved, second by Jeskewitz, to approve Ordinance 159-O-135. Braun stated this is rather a unique relocation order. It is not one of the county's capital projects as it is not our jurisdiction on this segment of Highway Q. A map of the Menomonee Township was distributed for better delineation of the area. Braun stated this is reciprocal

agreement. In order to condemn land in someone else's county, such as Washington County condemning in Waukesha County, a relocation order needs to be passed by Waukesha County. They did the same thing in their county.

Jeskewitz mentioned that there was an issue with some old trees, but the whole section of trees (about 30) were removed on one particular morning. It was done very quickly.

**Motion carried 6 – 0.**

**Consider Proposed Ordinance: 159-O-136 Sale of Excess Right of Way CTH "L" Janesville Road**

Evans and Braun were present. **Motion:** Jeskewitz moved, second by Nilson, to approve Ordinance 159-O-136. Braun stated with spring coming, maintenance costs and the hassle of owning land, she has gone through the last year or two of projects and looked at the cost of properties that could be sold to put back on the tax rolls and develop again. This is one of them and there will be several more. The land to be sold is a buildable parcel of .32 acres.

For the committee's information, Braun passed out copies of revised statutes regarding county land sales. The statute now allows more flexibility in the sale of land and requires sales to be at fair market value. She also distributed a draft packet on the parcel for sale, which included the history, zoning, map, etc. **Motion carried 6 – 0.**

**Consider Proposed Ordinance: 159-O-137 Modify Airport Five-Year Capital Project Plan to Modify Scope of and Accelerate Schedule for Runway 18/36 Reconstruction and to Modify Southeast Hangar Area Project Scope to Remove Grading**

Markano and Neau were present. **Motion:** Singert moved, second by Jeskewitz, to approve Ordinance 159-O-137.

Markano stated due to the scope of the project and to offset some of the expenses for what was required to comply with FAA requirements to complete the project, mainly for the storm sewer, they enlisted the assistance of Senator Kohl. They were successful in that they have been allocated \$3 million of priority funding at the 95/5/5 funding level. The wrinkle in this is only being approved for \$3 million versus what was originally anticipated which was \$4.4 million to complete the entire project. The county's portion for the \$3 million match is roughly \$155,000. Manke asked is the Parks and Land Use Department contributing anything to this? Markano replied no. They met with Jim Kavemeier and Perry Lindquist about 1 ½ weeks ago to discuss the Ruekert & Mielke report that was done in 1997. The report shows what existed on the Expo grounds, and it had projections as to what would be needed in the future. Markano said what they will do is to size everything once it comes into the wetland and comes across. He went on to explain further.

Esler said there are three active projects. Did you have the same firm (Mead & Hunt) for all three projects? Markano said yes. Esler asked are there 3 separate contracts? Markano said the 18/36 and the Stormwater were done as one design project. Esler asked how do you allocate the dollars for payment? Markano said they get invoices from the Bureau of Aeronautics based on portions from each project. Esler said the Southeast Hangar Phase II is older than the 18/36. Is it your intention now to have the construction on the 18/36 done before the construction and completion of the Southeast Hangar? Markano said yes, with the dollars that are available, the 18/36 is first because of the condition of the pavement. Esler asked of the county owned t-hangars, how many are

vacant as of today? Markano said 13. Manke asked how many t-hangars does the county own? Markano replied there are 49 in five buildings located by the control tower in the southeast area and then another 16 in 2 buildings on the north side. **Motion carried 6 – 0.**

**Consider Proposed Ordinance: 159-O-018 Dispose of Building at 1120 Northview Road  
(Tabled at meeting of 5/27/04)**

**Motion:** Singert moved, second by Swan, to take Ordinance 159-O-018 off the table. **Motion carried 6 – 0.** **Motion:** Singert moved, second by Swan, to approve Ordinance 159-O-018.

Manke stated if it were his house, he would fix it up. We do take care of our properties but don't want to do anything with the people on this one. It is a good house but it doesn't pay to go in there and make \$100,000 in improvements. Nilson asked why don't we sell it and get it back on the tax rolls? It can always be condemned if it is needed. Gundrum asked is it possible to sell county land? Nilson said of course it is, and it would be a good starter home for someone. Singert said it is very valuable land, and we should not be selling it at this time. The house itself is not worth putting any kind of money into it for any kind of use, and we should not be in the rental business as has been stated before. The whole area needs to be studied and the use of the property prioritized. Jeskewitz said he is concerned with the mold situation in the house. He related a situation where a 40-year-old home in his subdivision had mold in it. It cost \$20,000 to remove the mold from the basement, and it was hard to sell. This county land is good land to keep. Swan said he agrees but could we offer it to someone to move it? Gundrum said they always offer that.

Esler said because this ordinance is so old, he talked to Bolte about the second ordained paragraph, which contains a contingency fund transfer and would require 24 votes on the Board floor. Bolte said that paragraph could be deleted. It is early in the year, and he would be able to accommodate the demolition cost of \$11,000 within his 2005 budget.

**Motion:** Singert moved, second by Gundrum, to delete Lines 23, 24 and 25 in Ordinance 159-O-018 and revise the fiscal note so it agrees with the revised ordinance. **Motion carried 6 – 0.**  
**On the motion, carried 4 – 2; Manke and Nilson voting no.**

**Report from Executive Committee Member for Meeting of March 21, 2005**

Manke reviewed items that were discussed and/or considered at the last meeting on 3/21/05.

**Motion to adjourn:** Gundrum moved, second by Singert, to adjourn the meeting at 10:24 a.m.  
Motion carried 6 – 0.

Respectfully submitted,

Rodell L. Singert  
Secretary

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